

TEACHER QUALITY MEASURES

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill creates a program to award grants to school districts and charter schools to develop, administer, and evaluate measures of teacher quality.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Teacher Quality Measures Program to develop methods of assessing teacher quality which may be used to:
 - provide information to assist teachers in improving instruction; and
 - evaluate teacher performance for the purpose of awarding performance-based compensation;
- ▶ directs the State Board of Education to:
 - solicit grant proposals from school districts and charter schools to develop, administer, and evaluate measures of teacher quality; and
 - award grants on a competitive basis; and
- ▶ provides that grant proposals shall meet certain criteria.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ for fiscal year 2009-10 only, \$_____ from the Uniform School Fund.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2009.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-17a-163, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-163** is enacted to read:

53A-17a-163. Grant program to develop, administer, and evaluate measures of

33 **teacher quality.**

34 (1) The Teacher Quality Measures Program is created to develop methods of assessing
35 teacher quality which may be used to:

36 (a) provide information to teachers and administrators that is valuable in assisting
37 teachers in improving instruction; and

38 (b) evaluate teacher performance for the purpose of awarding performance-based
39 compensation.

40 (2) From monies appropriated by the Legislature for the Teacher Quality Measures
41 Program, the State Board of Education shall award grants to school districts and charter schools
42 to develop, administer, and evaluate methods of assessing teacher quality.

43 (3) The State Board of Education shall:

44 (a) solicit proposals from school districts and charter schools for the use of grant
45 monies to develop, administer, and evaluate methods of assessing teacher quality; and

46 (b) award grants on a competitive basis.

47 (4) To receive a grant, a school district or charter school shall submit a proposal to the
48 State Board of Education that meets the following criteria:

49 (a) The proposal shall include a plan to develop, administer, and evaluate two or more
50 measures of teacher quality that assess an individual teacher's performance or the performance
51 of a team of teachers that jointly teach a course.

52 (b) At least one measure of teacher quality shall measure growth in individual student
53 achievement by comparing a student's achievement in a subject before and after a period of
54 time.

55 (c) Other teacher quality measures may include:

56 (i) an assessment of instructional quality through classroom observations;

57 (ii) parent or student surveys;

58 (iii) other measures of student achievement; or

59 (iv) other measures of an individual teacher's or a team's performance.

60 (d) The proposal shall include a budget and timeline to develop, administer, and
61 evaluate the teacher quality measures and specify the amount of grant monies requested.

62 (e) A proposal may apply to all or a portion of a school district's or charter school's
63 teaching staff.

64 (5) (a) A school district or charter school shall use the grant monies to implement its
65 proposal to develop, administer, and evaluate teacher quality measures.

66 (b) Grant monies may not be used for performance-based compensation to teachers.

67 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

68 There is appropriated from the Uniform School Fund to the State Board of Education
69 for fiscal year 2009-10 only, \$ for the Teacher Quality Measures Program.

70 Section 3. **Effective date.**

71 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2009.